



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: According to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office most of Colorado experienced above average temperatures with some much needed precipitation arriving last week. Producers were allowed 6.5 days in the field with these conditions.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	44	29	0
Last Week	37	43	20	0
Last Year	4	23	70	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	39	45	1
Last Week	10	38	50	2
Last Year	5	33	57	5

Small Grains: Spring wheat was 94 percent harvested by week's end. Winter wheat was reported at 65 percent seeded with 26 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 55 percent mature with 9 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly good condition by the end of the week. The harvest of corn silage was reported at 90 percent complete. Sorghum was 97 percent turning color with 40 percent mature and 1 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 5 percent harvested and rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions were 75 percent harvested by week's end. Summer potatoes were 70 percent harvested at the end of the week. Fall potatoes were 53 percent harvested and reported in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 13 percent harvested and were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 80 percent cut with 50 percent harvested at the end of the week. The crop was reported in mostly good to fair condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending September 26, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	1	3	18	65	13
Last Year	3	11	27	45	14
Sorghum					
This Week	2	4	16	65	13
Last Year	1	2	31	60	6

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were reported in mostly fair to good condition. The third cutting of alfalfa progressed to 86 percent complete and the fourth cutting was reported at 27 percent harvested. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 26, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	27	40	29	3
Prev. Year - 2009	5	12	32	39	12
5-Year Avg.	7	19	39	29	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 26, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	65	40	66	68
Emerg'd	26	N/A	27	29
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	94	87	69	91
Corn				
Mature	55	32	41	56
Harvested	9	3	9	8
Corn Silage				
Harvested	90	75	61	75
Sorghum				
Coloring	97	95	94	88
Mature	40	30	56	52
Harvested	1	---	9	7
Dry Onions				
Harvested	75	57	57	69
Dry Beans				
Cut	80	60	62	71
Harvested	50	30	42	45
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	86	74	64	81
4 th Cutting	27	18	8	19
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	70	50	56	69
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	53	32	47	42
Sunflowers				
Harvested	5	---	11	14
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	13	1	23	9

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	17	73	9
Dry Beans	4	10	38	46	2
Alfalfa	0	3	32	50	15
Sugarbeets	0	2	9	71	18
Fall Potatoes	0	1	14	59	26
Sunflowers	1	5	29	50	15

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.